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REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 21, 23, and 24-26 are in the case and presented for consideration.

In response to the Advisory Action dated October 23, 2006, applicant herein submits an RCE requesting the Office to enter and consider the claims and remarks filed on October 6, 2006.

Also in response to the Advisory Action, the claims as filed on October 6, 2006 (which are to be entered with the filing of the enclosed RCE), are amended further in accordance with the claim amendments provided herein to treat informalities raised by the Office. Nevertheless, this amendment does not affect the scope of patentability.

The claims have not been amended to overcome prior art and therefore, Applicants respectfully reserve all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents and are entitled to the full scope of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserve the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Accordingly, the application and claims are believed to be in condition for allowance, and favorable action is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

If any issues remain which may be resolved by telephonic communication, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the number below, if such will advance the application to allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee (except the issue fee) to Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,


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